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Mr Strauch
73 Wharton Ave.
Nutley N.J.

Dear Mr Strauch:

I am writing first of all to enclose The Eagles schedule at home for August. As you can see we will be playing a lot of ball, but I am sure the fans will want to see all these teams. I hope you will be able to work the games.

Now about money, I am sure you know we are way behind. It has been the worst spring I have experienced, and the bad part we have been rained out most of our good attractions. This means I am not in a position to be as liberal as I would like to. I am sure I told you the league had voted a scale of salaries to be paid umpires. I have not observed it to the letter and do not plan to now, but I do want to make some change. The league ruling calls for doubleheader plate umpire \$15.00, and base umpire \$10.00. Single game plate umpire \$10.00, base \$7.50. I intend to continue to pay \$15.00 for doubleheaders so the umpires can rotate. However for the single games I feel \$10.00 is all I can afford. This does not seem like much, but as I said before I am quite a little way behind.

These games in August will total \$95.00. These fees I am paying are more than the other teams, and I hope you will keep it confidential. The umpires upheaval at the beginning of the season was caused they said because they heard I was paying you more money than I paid them, or more than any of the other teams paid. You can understand this does not call for harmony in the league. I will call you on the phone in a few days.

Very Truly Yours